

LOCKED UP FOR ASKING POLICE TO STOP FIGHT

Daily Beaten Up by Gang and His Friends Put in Cells.

If you should see a crowd of toughs attempting to remove a man's features with their feet curb your desire to run to the nearest police station.

Policeman Keller, of the East Fifty-first street station, had the case. He made a short affidavit, asserting that McEntee and Cleary brutally beat up a man named William Daily at First-street and Second Avenue last night.

"I'll begin at the beginning," said Cleary, "and let your honor judge for yourself. In the first place, Daily is one of my best friends, as he is of McEntee's here. Neither of us would lay a hand on him."

"I'll attend to my business," said McEntee, "I intended that I would assault Daily. At that he called to policeman Keller, who was sitting in the back room in his shirt-sleeves, and ordered me to stop. I refused to do so, and the whole gang began to jump on him. I started for the East Fifty-first street station and McEntee remained behind to try to protect Daily."

"A sergeant named McDonald was on the desk at the station-house. I went in and told him a gang was trying to kill a man in Second Avenue, and that there was no policeman in sight on the street and that he ought to send a man around."

"I'm a citizen," I replied, "and I ask you to send a policeman to protect another citizen who is being assaulted by a gang of rascals."

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"When I got to the station house they locked me up before I had a chance to say more than that man Daily had been killed at First-street and Second Avenue. I was kept in a cell all night and no chance given me to communicate with my friends."

"Magistrate Mayo got interested in the case and sent me to the station for the return of the policeman. Keller got back pretty soon, bringing Daily, the victim of the assault. He was amazed when he found that McEntee and Cleary were accused of beating him."

"These two men," he declared, "are my best friends. I was set on by four men outside of saloons at Second Avenue and they tried to protect me."

Magistrate Mayo discharged the prisoners, admonishing them to keep out of trouble. In the mean time friends had heard of their treatment and engaged a lawyer when they returned to begin proceedings to collect damages for false imprisonment.

All of which coincides with the advice of John D. Rockefeller, jr., to the man who has sworn off regarding the saloon on the corner. When you feel like going to a police station go around the block.

WHEAT TRADING BRISK BUT PRICES WEAK

What was active and weaker in the early market to-day. For the last day of the year there was a surprising amount of long stuff for sale and the prices fell 1-4 to 3-8.

Corn was steady on heavy rains through the West. New York's opening prices were: Wheat—May, 81; December, 80 1/2; July, 82 1/2.

Chicago's opening prices were: Wheat—May, 78 1/2; July, 77 1/2; Corn—May, 43 1/2; December, 42 1/2; September, 41 1/2.

New York's closing prices were: Wheat—December, 78 1/2; July, 77 1/2; Corn—May, 43 1/2; December, 42 1/2; September, 41 1/2.

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Melba, with Her Famous Necklace and Gown of 1850, as Violetta



READING FEVERISH, OTHER STOCKS DOWN

Poor Tone of Market Makes Traders Cautious and Dealings Slow.

The features of the opening dealings in stocks to-day was the feverish movement in Reading. Two hundred shares sold at first at 122, compared with 122 1/2 on Saturday, but the next sale of 2,000 shares was at 121, followed by 1,500 shares at 121 1/2 and then 1,000 shares at 121.

Reading got back to 122 later in the session, but the tone of the market was poor. Trading was dull. Pressure was continued on about the same lines as last week. Reading, Hill and other Western stocks were liquidated from time to time. This morning a drift of 1 1/2 in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Salt Lake, 2 1/2 in Illinois Central, 3 1/2 in Anaconda, 2 1/2 in Northern Pacific and 1 1/2 in Great Northern preferred.

Buying orders were placed in Reading and Pacific, and there was a after it touched 122. The general list gradually recovered, but there was also moved sharply, practically all of the losses being restored.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various stocks like Allis, Am. Oil, Am. Ry., etc.

MELBA READY FOR "TRAVIATA"

Enthusiastic Over Hammerstein and the New Manhattan Opera-House.

By Alice Robe. "You cannot express my admiration for Mr. Hammerstein and his splendid pluck and artistic courage in giving New York the Manhattan Opera-House so strongly."

Mme. Melba, newly arrived after an absence of two years abroad, stopped long enough in giving directions as to the disposal of her splendid collection of jewels to enthuse over the impresario and his temple of music in West Thirty-fourth street.

Mme. Melba is having her jewels placed in a safety-deposit vault, but she will take some of them out when she makes her debut at the Manhattan Opera-House as Violetta in "Traviata" Wednesday night.

Enthusiastic Over Hammerstein. The prima donna is in splendid health and spirits and her enthusiasm over singing in the new Opera-House would have struck joy to the Hammerstein heart.

"Before I left the other side," she said, "my friends had called me of the splendid acoustic properties of the Manhattan Opera-House and I was not disappointed when I visited it. It is a splendid thing, this undertaking of Mr. Hammerstein. From a musical and strictly educational standpoint he is giving New York the greatest thing it has had in years. New York can stand two opera-houses, and Mr. Hammerstein is proving it. It certainly took unlimited confidence and nerve to build this new opera-house, when there was another of long-established favor in New York."

"I admire pluck above all things, and I have only too gladly given what aid I could in helping him perfect his plans. You have no idea the admiration I heard expressed when I was coming over for his great undertaking. To Wear Costumes of 1840. Mme. Melba rehearsed to-day for the costumes of Violetta in the costumes of 1840," she said. "The costumes are very effective. They are just before the time of stiff crinolines and flounces."

"And you will wear a dazzling display of jewels in the ball room scene?" she was asked. "I shall wear my pearl necklace and a number of other jewels. The famous pearl necklace referred to is that which once belonged to Marie Antoinette and is a five-strand rope of pearls."

"My costume was made by Worth and I wear a blond wig done in mid-Victorian style. Mme. Melba's singing and costuming of Violetta was a great success when she appeared at the Manhattan Opera-House. Well, she said, "I have added a number of new roles to my repertoire, and I may sing Tosca. I have never sung it on any stage, but if the questions concerning the rights of giving the performances can be arranged I may sing it. Another role I have learned, but which I have not sung, is Massenet's 'Cendrillon. I was to have sung 'Otelie' in Covent Garden, but at the last minute the tenor backed out."

Hoped to Meet Saint-Saens. One of Mme. Melba's disappointments is that M. Saint-Saens during my season here and I had hoped so much he would be able to conduct. You know I created the title role at Monte Carlo.

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WANT KIDNAPPING BANKER PUNISHED

Mrs. Van Alstyne's Lawyer Will Make Motion in Husband's Case Wednesday.

Guy Chase Van Alstyne, the young Wall street banker, who is going through the divorce mill with his beautiful wife, Isabelle, did not produce four-year-old D'Arny Van Alstyne in court today in obedience to the command of Justice Davis in the writ of habeas corpus obtained by Maurice Meyer on Saturday.

He couldn't, for Mrs. Van Alstyne recaptured her baby boy through the kindness of little Miss Kipatt, daughter of Frederick K. Kipatt, a barrister at No. 305 Sixth Avenue, with whom Van Alstyne had left the child after the sensational kidnapping episode at the Gilsey House last Friday's dawn.

Mr. Meyer has been unable to serve Justice Davis's writ upon Van Alstyne, but on Wednesday will apply for an order in proceedings to punish him for contempt of court in disobeying the order signed by Justice Spencer in August giving Mrs. Van Alstyne sole custody of the boy.

COUGHED SO THAT IT CAUSED DEATH.

Mrs. Russell Could Not Be Relieved, and She Burst a Blood Vessel.

Mrs. Elizabeth Russell, forty-five years old, of No. 128 North Tenth street, Williamsburg, died at her home to-day following a fit of coughing that no remedy could relieve. The woman coughed steadily for five hours and burst a blood vessel in the brain.

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